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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: CASC (TREINEN, JON GERARD)
SUBJ: W/W JOHN GERARD TREINEN

REF: STATE 053645 AND PREVIOUS

1. ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ONE THROUGH THREE IN REFTEL AS FOLLOWS:
TREINEN FAMILY HAD NO FIXED ITINERARY FOR VISIT TO PERU AND NO
FIXED HOTEL RESERVATIONS. EMBASSY DOES NOT KNOW PRESENT LOCATION
OF TREINEN FAMILY AND IS UNABLE TO POSE THESE QUESTIONS.

2. ANSWER TO QUESTION FOUR; FATHER, DAVID TREINEN, CALLED
EMBASSY MARCH 2 AND TOLD CONSULAR CLERK OF MEETING WITH SON. THIS
WAS WEDNESDAY, WHEN EMBASSY ON SUMMER HOURS WAS OPEN ONLY HALF
DAY AND SOLE CONSULAR OFFICER HANDLING ALL MATTERS RELATING TO
AMERICAN CITIZENS WAS OUT AT JAILS MAJOR PORTION OF DAY. CLERK
FINALLY MENTIONED MATTER TO CONSOFF UPON RECEIPT STATE 051140.

3. ENTIRE TRIP SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN PLANNED IN HAPPY-GO-LUCKY
FASHION BY TREINENS. DAVID TREINEN INDICATED IN PRELIMINARY
INTERVIEW WITH CONSOFF THAT THEY REALLY DID NOT HAVE A FIXED
ITINERARY AND THAT CHILDREN DID NOT WANT ONE. CONSOFF DOUBTS
THAT HE COULD HAVE ANSWERED QUESTIONS REGARDING MONEY,
ADDRESSES OF FRIENDS IN ECUADOR, ETC., SINCE APPARENTLY JOHN
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DID NOT LIVE WITH PARENTS.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS MADE MISSING PERSONS REPORTS TO
POLICE IN PAST. USUALLY NO RESULTS HAVE BEEN FORTHCOMING, AS
FOREIGNERS WHO ARE STAYING WITH FRIENDS RATHER THAN IN HOTELS
ARE NOT RIGIDLY CONTROLLED, AND POLICE ARE UNABLE VERIFY
PRESENCE OF ONE PARTICULAR PERSON IN A GIVEN WIDE AREA WITHOUT

MOUNTING FULL-SCALE MANHUNT, SOMETHING THEY ARE RELUCTANT TO DO WHEN THE PERSON IS NOT WANTED FOR COMMISSION OF A CRIME. IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES CAN USUALLY VERIFY ENTRY INTO PERU, BUT CONTROLS AT BORDER WITH ECUADOR ARE RATHER LOOSE AND ATA FROM THE MORE REMOTE LOCATIONS OFTEN TAKES 10 DAYS TO REACH CENTRAL OFFICE IN LIMA. EMBASSY HAS BEEN TOLD THAT IT IS PRACTICALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO VERIFY DEPARTURE FROM PERU WITH ANY DEGREE OF ACCURACY. A RECENT CASE OF DISAPPEARANCE OF AN AUSTRALIAN GIRL IS A CASE IN POINT. IT HAS BEEN WIDELY REPORTED IN THE PRESS THAT FAMILY AND FRIENDS CONDUCTED SEARCHES OF HOTELS, ETC., RATHER THAN POLICE. DEAN

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